

picked olives, but could not get them. The Palace Hotel now buys the whole output of one large orchard. Last year ex-Vice President. Stevenson planted 100 acres to olives and some Philadelphia people now have twenty men at work planting olive trees. They will plant 100 acres this year to add to the 50 acres they planted last year.

#### EFFECT OF FAMINE IN CHINA.

Saltness, Revolt and Man-Eating Tigers Become Bold.

Dispatches from Tacoma, Wash., say that the Northern Pacific steamer Bruma brings news of an insurrection at Kaohou, Kwang Tung province, in China. During the famine there many sufferers were compelled to sell their children in order to save their lives. Among the purchasers was the secretary of the district magistrate at Moumingsien. He bought two girls aged 10 and 12 years. As he was taking them to the passenger boat for transportation to Canton he was set upon by soldiers and arrested for kidnapping. He appealed to the magistrate, with the result that his captors were in turn made captive, bamboozled and finally driven out of the Yamen. The soldiers complained to their commanding officer, who took umbrage and allowed his men to return to the Yamen and inflict revenge on the unlucky magistrate. After beating him, the soldiers dragged him to the temple of Mars, and while some made him kneel down, others plucked out his hair and mustache by the roots. The regiment then went into revolt and the troops have since been mutineers.

Great alarm prevails throughout the region of Sam-Sah Bay, near Foo Chow, where the rural population is large, on account of the ferocious tigers which the hard winter has driven from the mountains. First dogs and pigs began disappearing with marvelous rapidity, causing the natives to lock all their flocks in buildings. Left without means of subsistence, the hungry beasts gradually became bolder, and have since been attacking laborers in the forest, and even people in their doorways. A half dozen natives are known to have been devoured.

A Foo Chow paper states that two tigers made a noise about a house like a knocking at the door. When the head of the family went to the door he was seized and eaten. When he did not return his son went to look for him, and shared the same fate.

It is feared that, having tasted human blood, the tigers will become a source of permanent danger. The terror-stricken people have barricaded their houses, and the men will not venture out to work except in small parties.

The Chinese Government has decided to order four more armored cruisers, two fast cruisers and several torpedo destroyers, all of the English type. This is owing to the great increase made in Japan's navy. China will not order any vessels of over 10,000 tons, as she has neither harbors nor docks suitable for them. The program for several years to come will be to order vessels of 8,000 tons. Voluntary retrenchments made at the palace of the Emperor, Empress and Dowager Empress are to be devoted toward strengthening the Chinese navy.

#### THANKSGIVING IN ATHENS.

Independence Celebrated With Great Enthusiasm.

ATHENS, April 6.—The greatest enthusiasm was manifested here today during the fetes organized to celebrate the anniversary of the declaration in 1821 of the independence of Greece from Turkish rule.

The King and members of the royal family, accompanied by the Ministers and all the high court officials of Athens, attended the religious ceremonies at the cathedral, where the Te Deum was sung.

The King received a great ovation during his passage to and from the cathedral, and he and the Ministers were showered with laurels inscribed "Honor for war."

The thanksgiving service was attended by all the members of the diplomatic corps. Contrary to custom, the members of the diplomatic corps were not accompanied by their wives and daughters at the ceremonies today.

There were no manifestations upon the part of the crowd when the foreign representatives passed, but when the cortege reached the cathedral there were terrific shouts of "Long live war!" "Long live Greece!" and "Long live the King!" There was another popular demonstration in front of the university. Large numbers of Greek flags were displayed, and wreaths were deposited on the statues of the heroes of Greek independence. Patriotic addresses were made, the warlike sentiments were applauded loudly, and the speakers received ovations.

All the legations excepting those of Turkey, Germany and Austria, were decorated with flags, and on the Russian and French legations the Greek flag was floated side by side with the national flags of France and Russia.

During the afternoon a mass meeting was held to protest against the action of the powers and to endorse the steps taken by the Greek government. Later a delegation from the meeting, accompanied by a crowd of thousands presented a copy of the resolutions to the King at the palace, crying, "Long live war!"

This evening every one in the city is parading, and the scene is one of extraordinary animation.

At 9 o'clock a vast concourse of people still remain in front of the royal palace, calling upon King George to show himself. Much alarm was caused by the firing of several shots in the very center of the crowd. Immediately after this a cordon of troops was placed around the palace.

#### MRS. STANFORD'S INSURANCE.

Largest Policy Ever Written by Life Insurance Agency.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—The largest life insurance policy ever written since life insurance was invented was signed, sealed and turned over yesterday to Mrs. Jane L. Stanford. The policy, which calls for the payment to the Leland Stanford Junior University of \$1,000,000 in the event of Mrs. Stanford's death within ten years, or \$2,000,000 should she die after she has made her tenth annual payment, is issued by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and is the re-

sult of long negotiations between the company and the insured. No company has ever been known before to assume such a risk on a single life, and the big deal was the subject of not a small amount of gossip in insurance circles yesterday when the facts became known.

Mrs. Stanford's object in taking out the policy is understood to be the furtherance of the interests of the university, to which the policy is made payable. From what can be learned of the transaction, however, her estate or the university will only profit by the big deal in the event of her death within five years. After Mrs. Stanford has paid her sixth premium the insurance company will stand in bond, principal and interest, almost the full amount of the insurance, and after that until the tenth payment shall have been made the holder will be at the disadvantage of paying hundreds of thousands of dollars without securing any benefit in the way of increased insurance.

Mrs. Stanford is now 69 years of age, and the mortality tables show that she should not die within five years. But should she die within five years the company will be a loser to a considerable amount. If her life should be prolonged six, seven or eight years, the company will profit by the transaction.

#### PREVENTIVE FOR CATTLE PESTS.

Professor Koch Makes Fresh Discoveries in Lymph.

LONDON, April 10.—Fresh from his triumph in discovering in South Africa a preventive for the cattle pests, Professor Koch publishes today an article giving particulars of his improved tubercle. Speaking of the lymph as he first introduced it, he claims that it proved efficacious as a means of diagnosing disease even so early a stage that clinical observations and physical examination were of no avail.

At great length he describes what improvements he has been able to make. He does not venture to regard his lymph as the best that is possible, and he intimates that experiments are being made with a new serum which may prove still more efficacious. But he is convinced that preparation of tubercle cultures cannot be brought to greater perfection. He concludes: "Whatever may be done with tubercle cultures can be done with these. I don't think the danger connected with these experiments to be little, and I must confess that I often had a feeling as if I were dealing with explosives."

#### MORE SHIPS FOR ENGLAND.

Elaborate Plan For Strengthening the Fleet.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Office of Naval Intelligence has received from the American naval attaché at London full details of the new ship-building plan of the British navy, recently agreed to by the Admiralty Office. The amount of money involved in the program is upward of \$2,000,000 greater than estimates in any previous year, and shows the purpose on the part of Great Britain to continue the work of increasing her navy and preparing for any emergency. The plan indicates that there is little disposition to hold ships in reserve, and that as fast as they can be made ready for service they will be commissioned and assigned to squadrons. It is further stated that in view of the recent action of the powers in greatly strengthening their fleets in foreign waters the Admiralty will augment its squadrons in the Mediterranean, on the Chinese station and in channel waters.

#### SULTAN ABOLISHES SLAVERY.

Zanzibar Advances One More Step Towards Civilization.

ZANZIBAR, April 6.—The Sultan of Zanzibar has issued a decree abolishing slavery. It provides that existing rights over concubines shall remain as before, unless freedom is claimed by a concubine on account of cruelty, but in general terms the concubines will be regarded as wives. The Government will pay compensation for all slaves legally held. If Zanzibar is unable to meet the full expense, it is believed that the Imperial Government will assist.

The Sultan explained the decree to leading Arabs before issuing it, on the theory that the compensation and harem clauses would reconcile them to the measure. No resistance is expected, as the Arabs have been completely cowed by the recent bombardment. It is feared, however, that the revenues will suffer.

#### AFTER RECIPROCITY.

San Domingo Government Asks for Tariff Modification.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The Government of San Domingo has made overtures to Secretary Sherman for the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty between the two countries. Most of the San Domingo sugar is grown on plantations owned by Americans. Between six and eight million dollars is invested there. Nearly all the sugar produced is sent to the United States, but cannot leave San Domingo without the payment of a heavy export tax. All the machinery and most of the manufactured articles used in that country are from the United States. San Domingo is willing to modify the import duties levied on them and the export tax on sugar if this Government will modify the tariff on articles grown there.

#### NO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN.

Official Denial that Overtures for Peace Have Been Made.

LONDON, April 6.—An official denial was made this evening of the statement from Constantinople that the British Minister at Athens had been instructed to make pacific overtures to Greece with a view of enabling that country to extricate herself from her present dilemma.

Truth says today that it learns that Queen Victoria is doing her best to secure the appointment of Francis Joseph Battenberg as Governor of Crete.

#### Canadian Schools.

MONTREAL, April 9.—Mgr. Del Val, the Papal Ablegate to Canada, opened a conference in this city with all the Archbishops of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada, with the object of arriving at an understanding regard-

ing the politico-religious disputes now dividing the Catholic people of the Dominion. At the conference there were present the Archbishops of Halifax, Toronto, Ottawa and St. Boniface, of Manitoba, and a number of Bishops. It was held with closed doors and the utmost secrecy was maintained as to the nature of the proceedings. The conference is expected to extend over several days.

#### Germany and the Tariff.

BERLIN, April 6.—In the Reichstag today the leaders of the Conservative party gave notice of their intention to interpellate the Government on the question of whether in view of the impending increased American tariff, and especially in view of the differential treatment of German sugar, the Bundesrath or Federal Council intends to adhere to the "most favored nation" agreement that was concluded between Germany and the United States in 1891.

#### Scheme of Taxation.

TOPEKA, Kans., April 4.—Ex-Lieutenant Governor Percy Daniels has succeeded in interesting most of the leading Democratic-Populist statesmen of Kansas in an organization the object of which is to open a bureau of information concerning his scheme to tax inordinate wealth, and ultimately to secure an amendment to the Federal constitution giving Congress the power to levy such a tax.

#### Bryan Calls on McKinley.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—William J. Bryan called on President McKinley this morning. This is the first time the two have met since they were in Congress together. Bryan was accompanied by McMillin of Tennessee, and was cordially received by the President. The visit lasted 10 minutes. "We discussed everything except politics," said Bryan, laughingly, to a United Press reporter, as he was leaving the building.

#### German Postmaster-General Dead.

BERLIN, April 7.—Dr. von Stephan, Imperial Secretary of State for the Postal Department, died here today. Dr. von Stephan was recently appointed chief German delegate to the International Postal Congress soon to be held at Washington.

#### Rivera Still Lives.

HAVANA, April 8.—General Ruiz Rivera, accompanied by Colonel Baccallo, arrived by train at Regia today. They were transferred to a tugboat and conveyed to Cabanas fortress. The prisoners seemed in excellent spirits.

## HOLY MATRIMONY

Wm. H. Baird and Miss Fanny May United.

St. Andrew's Cathedral Filled With Friends—Ceremony Proves a Most Impressive One.

Yesterday evening the Cathedral was crowded by a congregation assembled to witness the marriage of Mr. W. H. Baird, of The H. Davies & Co. with Miss Fanny May, sister of Mr. Tom May. On this occasion the floral decorations were on an elaborate scale, the prevailing colors being yellow and white. The first part of the ceremony took place with the couple standing underneath a pretty arch of white and yellow, with a green background, from the center hanging a star of plumarias. The choir desks, as well as the desks of the front seats in the nave, were covered with marguerites, resting on a groundwork of maiden hair ferns. The lamp brackets were twined with wreaths of greenery, dotted with white flowers. The pulpit, covered with stephanotis, looked exquisite. Seldom has more effective decorations been seen in the Cathedral.

Previous to the ceremony, which was announced for 8 o'clock, Mr. Wray Taylor, the organist, played a program of wedding music, while the ushers, Messrs. Edward Stiles and Bertie Mier, showed the congregation to seats. Special seats were reserved for the family and more intimate friends of the contracting parties. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. May, Messrs. W. S. and Frank May, Miss Atkin, Mr. A. G. S. Hawes, the British Minister; Mr. F. Atkin, Mrs. Mackintosh, Mrs. J. Osborne and son, Minister and Mrs. H. Davies, Mrs. Captain Mier, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Walker, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Swamy, Miss Lamb and Mr. and Mrs. Meier.

The bridal party arrived at the Cathedral a few minutes after 8 o'clock, and marched slowly up the center aisle, while the surpliced choir sang the hymn, "How Welcome Was the Call." First came the bride, attired in a lovely costume of white and brocade, with wedding veil, and leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Tom May. The bride's court train was carried by Master Cyril May, who wore a pretty page's costume of white silk. Then came the best man, Mr. Clive Davies, and the bridesmaids, the Misses Veera May and Beatrice Walker; also, Master Gerald May, in the costume of a page, of maroon velvet. The procession to the chancel was an unique one.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Alexander Mackintosh, assisted by the Rev. John Osborne. The music was choral throughout. After signing the register in the vestry, the bridal party left the Cathedral to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." Later, a reception was held at the May family residence, at which only the immediate friends and relatives were present. The health of the bride and groom was drunk, and at intervals music was furnished by the Quintet Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird left for their new home on Kinau street amid showers of rice and old shoes. They will leave on the Mowera, on the 24th inst. for a three-months' tour abroad. The presents received by the bridal couple were very numerous and elegant, and included a check for \$500.

#### UNCLE SAM INTERVIEWED BY HIS NEPHEW.

Well, Nephew, so you think I ought to own Your charming islands in the blue Pacific, Where you've just "pulverized" a vicious throne That threatened you with doings quite mallice.

A little star, and yet the Western sky Glows fair in light that from your star is streaming; But for my constellation bright you sigh To add your little light unto its beaming.

'Tis well to raise your aspirations high— The blood that's in your veins impels you to it; Your motto be, for highest prize to try, And never pause or rest while you pursue it.

I feel a kind of pride, my Uncle said, Because, good Nephew, you have proved your breeding; In all your troubles did not lose your head, Or spoil your prospects by unwise proceeding.

You've shown yourself "a chip of the old block." By stoutly standing 'gainst a throne's oppression; Your laws, transmitted from old English stock, Give equal rights to all, in clear possession.

Your leaders—well was their prestige great— The hour had come, the men, they were not wanting; Whose brave and skillful action saved the State. The royal plot in open day confronting.

But now with business look, my Uncle said, I see large growth of trade in your Pacific, The iron-horse succeeds the Russian sled, Japan and China are not now somnif.

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